

FREQUENTLY ASKED SAFE SLEEP TRAINING QUESTIONS

Q: Who must take the Safe Sleep Training?

A: All licensed homes and those exempt homes receiving Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) Vouchers must receive the training.

Q: When do I need to complete the training?

A: You should complete the training prior to September 30, 2006.

Q: Will I be cited or sanctioned if I do not receive the training?

A: The Bureau of Child Care is developing a process and procedure to support this law.

Q: Where can I find out about the training?

A: Call your local child care resource and referral agency, or visit www.iaccrr.org or earlychildhoodmeetingplace.indiana.edu.

Q: Will I need to forward my training certificate to anyone?

A: You should keep your certificate as proof of attendance. Attendance data will also be stored with IACCRR and the Bureau of Child Care.

Q: What is the life of the attendance certificate?

A: Legislation requires that each provider will have the training as identified by the Bureau of Child Care. At this time, the Safe Sleep certificate is a lifetime certificate.

Q: What "grandfathering" provisions will there be?

A: In general there will be no grandfathering provisions since the legislation does not include such a status.

Q: I just took a SIDS reduction training a few months ago. Does it count toward this requirement?

A: Some organizations have offered similar trainings that meet agreed upon criteria. A "crosswalk" has been approved for providers who attended the American Academy of Pediatrics Training and/or the "Caring Safely – Sweet Dreams" Training. You must provide proof of having attended one of those trainings (which involved a *minimum* of two hours of class time) and the training must have been taken after January 1, 2005.

Q: I took an approved training after January 1st, 2005. What do I do now?

A: If you believe your training meets the requirements as outlined above please take the following steps:

- 1. Obtain the "Assessment for Crosswalk Compliance" from your Infant Toddler Specialist at your local resource and referral agency or from the Indiana Association for Child Care Resource and Referral at 1-800-299-1627.
- 2. Obtain proof of previous training (certificate or letter from trainer/instructor that clearly states the number of hours and type of training).
- 3. Complete "Assessment for Crosswalk Compliance" and send with proof of training to:

IACCRR - Melissa Chalman 3901 N. Meridian Suite 350, Indianapolis, IN 46208

4. If your training and assessment are approved, you will receive a certificate of compliance for the Safe Sleeping Practices Training within 10 business days. Please wait 10 business days prior to calling to check on the status of your training approval.

Q: I attended a workshop that lasted over an hour, but I can't find my certificate. What should I do?

A: We cannot accept any training that was less than 2 hours. Also, we cannot accept a training for which you do not have documented attendance.

Q: I am not sure if it was an American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) training that I attended. How can I find out?

A: Your Certificate should indicate who provided your training. If it doesn't, contact your trainer and request a letter stating whether the training was AAP-approved.

Q: I took the training called "Caring Safely – Sweet Dreams," but I can't find my certificate. Where can I get a replacement?

A: Call your local resource and referral agency. They will be able to assist you.

Q: Will there be a "test out" option for the training?

There is no plan for test out at this time.

A: Are there exclusions for providers that do not care for infants?

The legislation does *not* allow exceptions for providers who do not care for infants.

Q: I have several staff members. Are they required to take this training?

A: All staff members are strongly encouraged to attend. Nonetheless, the legislation requires only the license holder or the CCDF recipient to attend.